



the CAMBRIDGE
UNION

a hidden gem



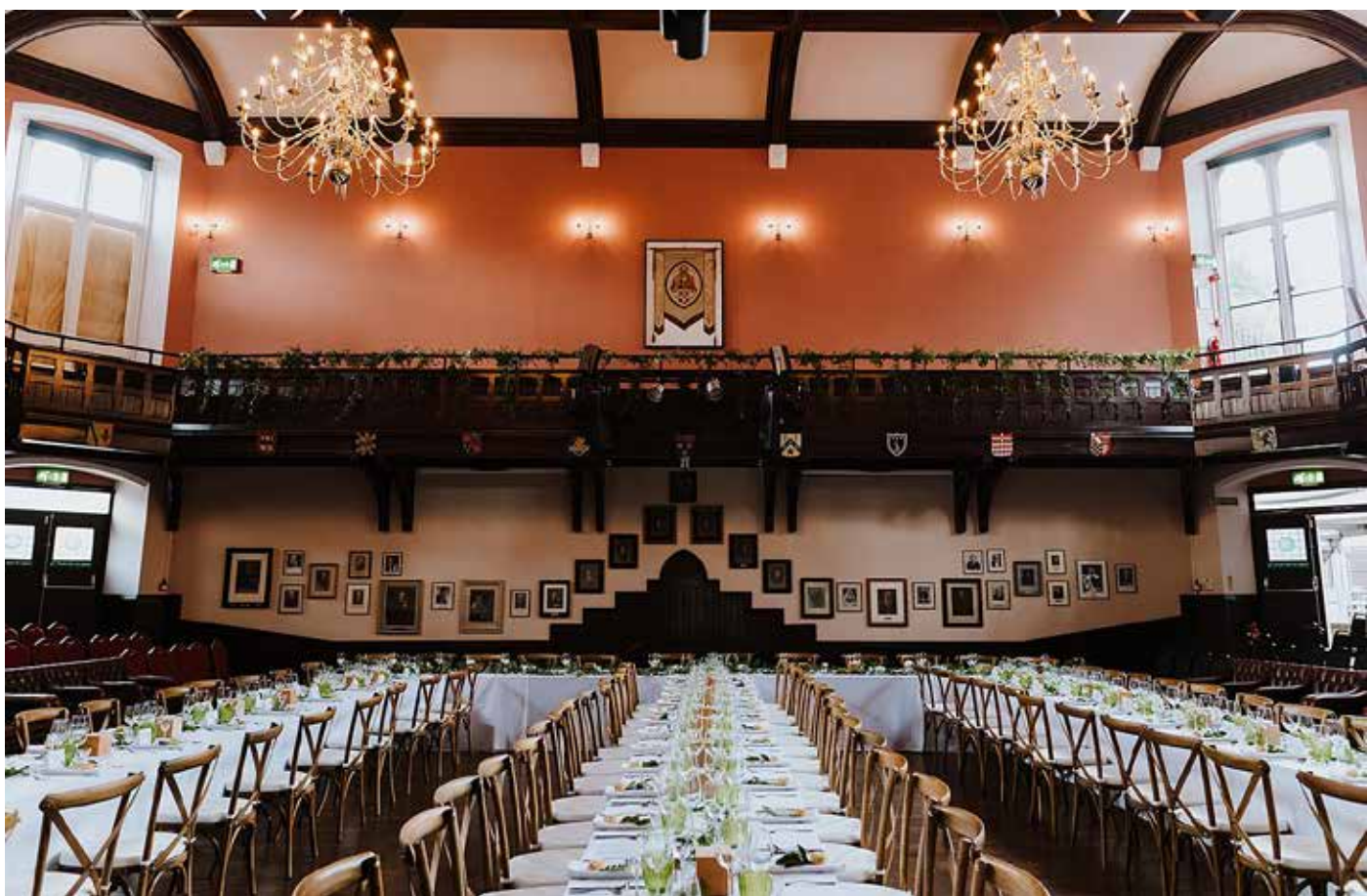
A truly unique venue

Set in the heart of the historic city of Cambridge, the Cambridge Union is a beautifully memorable venue.

The unique building boasts original Victorian Gothic architecture designed by Alfred Waterhouse in 1866, a large central garden, the historic Debating Chamber with original features and an elegant interior throughout.

Centrally based, we offer flexible facilities throughout for ceremonies, breakfasts and receptions so you can ensure you can create a unique and special day.

Intimate or extravagant, traditional or unexpected, we take pride in offering you our undivided attention. Professional advice and recommendations are offered at every stage by our experienced wedding team.



The Debating Chamber

Steeped in history, the Debating Chamber is one of only five in the country.
It's design is based on the Commons Chamber at the Palace of Westminster.
Adorning the walls are our most famous ex-Presidents and the University college crests.

Celebrate with a ceremony in the Chamber for up to 300 people
or host a large wedding breakfast for up to 120 people.

Our flexible facilities means that you can create your unique dream wedding.

	Guests	Cabaret	Rows
Ceremony	300 seated		
Breakfast		100 seated*	120 seated*
Reception	150 standing		

*We can accommodate up to 150 seated guests within the Chamber.
Please talk to our wedding management team to discuss.



The Keynes Library

The Union's library is named after John Maynard Keynes , the famous economist, Fellow of King's College and former President of the Cambridge Union Society (Lent 1905).

The Keynes Library features a high ceiling and tall windows that are the signature of our Victorian Gothic venue.

Offering a stunning view across to St. Johns College Chapel, the Round Church and our courtyard, this light and airy space is perfect for your ceremony.

	Guests	Cabaret	Rows
Ceremony	100 seated		
Breakfast			
Reception	120 standing		



The Fairfax Rhodes Reading Room

For a more intimate wedding breakfast, our Fairfax Rhodes Room is the perfect setting.

The room boasts high ceilings with beautiful curved wooden beams, chandeliers and large windows that bathe the room in natural light.

We can offer a flexible room with the layout you wish whether it be cabaret or rows

	Guests	Cabaret	Rows
Ceremony			
Breakfast		60 seated	54 one row 100 two rows
Reception			

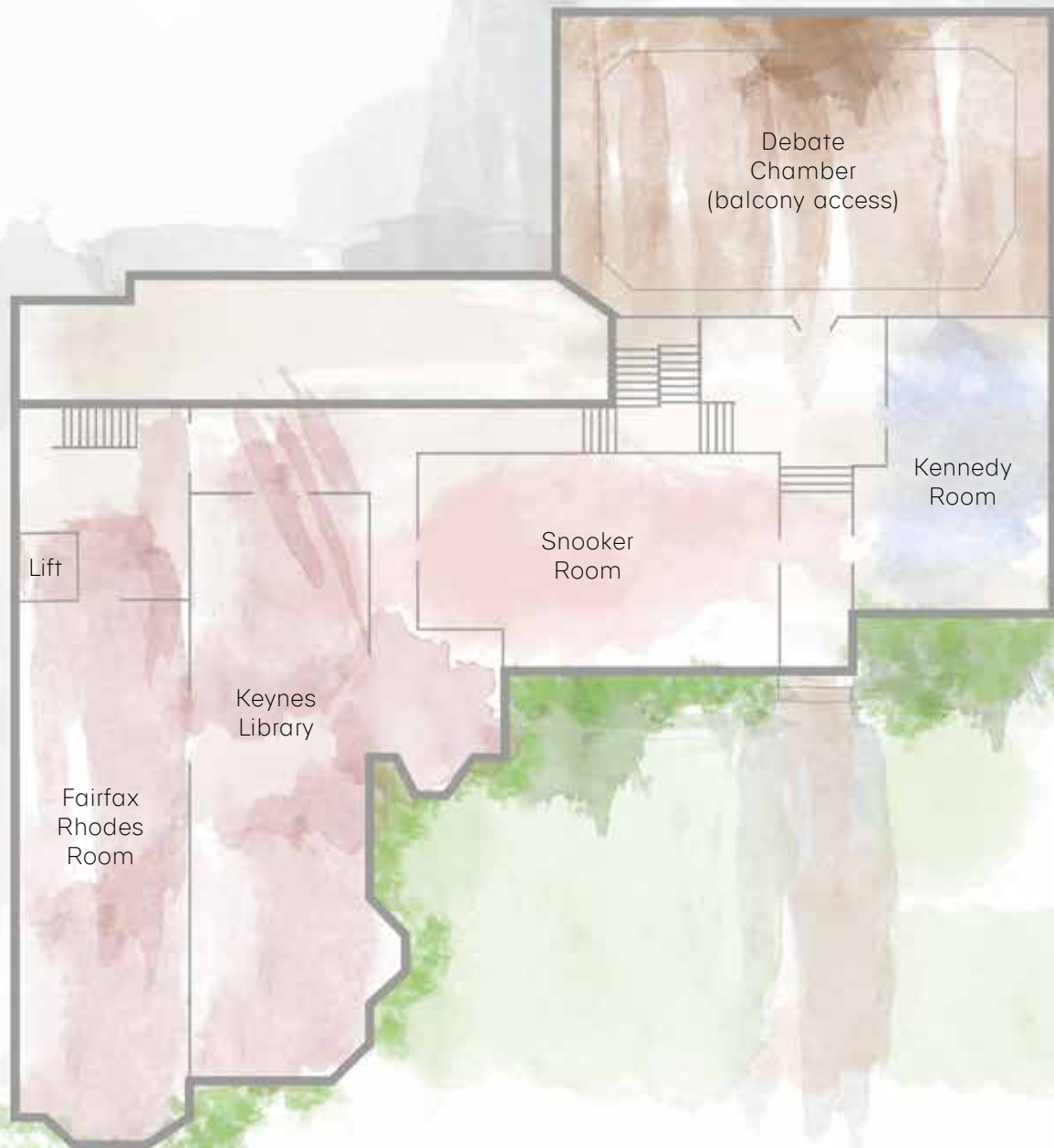
Ground floor



Toilets are located on our basement level accessible by our lift.

Lift access to all levels.

First floor



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Lucy & Edward

'From our initial enquiry to our ceremony, Joe, Katherine and the team made everything easy and fun for us. They knew exactly how to make our day run smoothly and we felt like we were in safe and experienced hands.

All of our guests are still talking about how lovely our venue was!'

Alice & Tate

The lovely staff at the Union could not have been more kind, supportive and helpful. Particularly in the days just before the wedding, and on the day itself, it was a massive relief to feel confident that everything was going to be well taken care of and to be prompted to consider some things we hadn't even thought of - it turns out that being whisked away for a moment to yourselves just after the ceremony provides a much needed opportunity to compose yourselves before facing the confetti!'

Alex & Henry

The staff were so kind and went out of their way to make our day special. The room is beautiful, light and spacious; it functions well as a dining and party space. Thanks to everyone at the Union for giving us a day we will remember fondly for the rest of our lives.'



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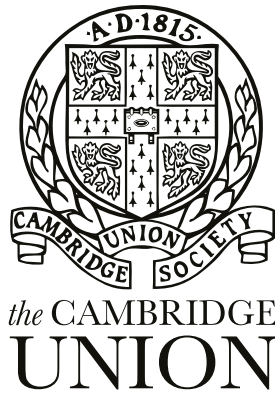
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Frequently Asked Questions

Can we use our own caterers?

Yes, on a discretionary basis, and only if they have public liability insurance and health and hygiene certification. They must also be a UK registered company. A plate charge of 12.5% applies

Can we bring our own wine?

Yes. A corkage charge applies.

Can we cancel our booking?

Yes. Cancellation charges apply if the booking is cancelled by you the Client and all cancellations must be made via the Event Management Team.

Can we have candles?

Due to our Health and Safety regulations, candles are not allowed anywhere in the venue. LED candles only, are permitted.

Can we borrow a ladder to put up decorations?

Due to our Health and Safety regulations we cannot lend you a ladder.

Can we stick anything to the walls?

We cannot allow anything to be stuck to any surface of the venue as this can cause damage.

Do our suppliers/contractors need to have public liability insurance?

Yes. It is your responsibility to check that all suppliers/contractors you employ have public liability insurance, all electrical equipment is PAT tested and suppliers comply with current Health & Safety Regulations. Copies must be supplied on request. Please note that fixtures cannot be moved.

Can we have confetti and confetti cannons?

Unfortunately we do not allow confetti or confetti cannons.

Does the venue have air conditioning?

No

Can our suppliers visit the venue in advance of the event?

Once you have confirmed your booking, you are welcome to arrange for site visits with your suppliers. Please ensure you contact your Event Manager to arrange a convenient time.

Can we arrange a coach to drop off and pick up our guests?

Yes. Please speak with your Event Manager to discuss logistics

Is there parking on site?

There is a multi-storey car park located at the Grand Arcade.

What forms of payment do you accept?

We accept cash, credit and debit cards.

Contacts

Our wedding team are always available if you would like to arrange a visit or for any questions.

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Office hours

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